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SUBJECT: EXBS: THAILAND/VIETNAM ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORTING
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SUMMARY

1. Regional EXBS Advisor for Thailand and Vietnam assumed duties in Bangkok on September 10. A CBP team conducted a 5-day International Border (Land) Interdiction Training (IBIT II) course in Aranyaprathet, Thailand, including donation of a CT-30 kit and radiation pagers. Advisor completed embassy Bangkok calls and will conduct introductory visit to Vietnam October 28 - November 3.

SITE ASSESSMENTS AND MEETINGS

2. Advisor and embassy POLOFF met with MG Kanit Sapitak and Police Major General Nadhapit Snidvongs on Sept. 13. MG Kanit is the Commander, 2nd Infantry Division Queen's Guard, and has overall responsibility for border security along Thailand's eastern border with Cambodia. Police MG Nadhapit is the Deputy Commissioner for the Narcotics Suppression Bureau, Royal Thai Police. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the impending IBIT II course, and to ask about other potential areas of assistance. Both officers were very supportive of the exercise, and stated training and equipment were always welcome, as their own resources were limited. Advisor also conducted introductory office calls at embassy Bangkok. Introductory visits to embassy Hanoi, including a site visit at the Haiphong Seaport, Vietnam, and the Thai port of Laem Chabang are being coordinated for October.

TRAINING CONDUCTED

3. A four-person team from U.S. Customs and Border Protection delivered a 5-day International Border (Land) Interdiction Training (IBIT II) course to eighteen host nation border control and local government officials. Site of the training was in Aranyaprathet, Sakaeo Province, which is the main land border crossing between Thailand and Cambodia. Training was a combination of classroom and practical exercises, with a focus on adapting U.S. best practices to local conditions. Particular interest was expressed for targeting and risk management, false documents

and behavioral analysis. Additional training sessions at other key border crossing points would also be beneficial.

EQUIPMENT DELIVERED

¶4. In conjunction with the training conducted at Aranyaprathet, Thailand, one CT-30 inspection kit and four Personal Radiation Detectors (PRDs) were donated to the local Royal Thai Customs office.

IMMINENT TRAINING/EQUIPMENT UPDATE

¶5. Advisor will consult with Royal Thai Customs officials to determine distribution of remaining CT-30 inspection kits and PRDs already on hand. Tracker IT equipment has been ordered for Vietnamese Customs and is due to be shipped within the next few weeks.

SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS

¶6. EXBS Regional Advisor for Thailand and Vietnam William Comley arrived Bangkok and assumed duties on September 10.
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